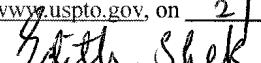


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the species election requirement, Applicants hereby elect the following species:

- (1) sertraline hydrochloride Form V; and
- (2) acetic acid solvent.

Claims 1, 13, and 17 directly encompass the elected species, and the remaining claims further define embodiments that may likewise encompass the elected species.